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1. MADAGASCAR FOREIGN MINISTRY SENT TO EMBASSY AUGUST
16 FOLLOWING COMMENTS CONCERNING REFTEL:

"A. THE INCREASE OF THE IMPORT TAX, USED IN
PREFERENCE TO THE QUOTA, IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN THE
DOMESTIC PRICE OF SUGAR, IS A PREJUDICIAL MEASURE
AGAINST SMALL, SUGAR-EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
WHICH WILL, AFTER ALL, CARRY THE BURDEN.

B. IN FACT, THE INCREASE FORESEEN BY THIS NEW
REGULATION REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 30 TO 40
PER CENT OF RULING WORLD SUGAR PRICES.

C. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FOREGOING, THE MINISTRY
WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S INTERVENING BEFORE
THE APPROPRIATE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES IN ORDER TO INDUCE
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THEM TO POSTPONE THE APPLICATION OF THIS MEASURE TO
MADAGASCAR'S SUGAR DESTINED FOR THE UNITED STATES,
ESPECIALLY SUGAR WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN LOADED BUT
FOR WHICH THE CONTRACT WOULD HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED PRIOR
TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW REGULATION IN QUESTION."

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CURRENT STATUS OF SUGAR

IMPORT FEES LEGISLATION/REGULATIONS, AND GUIDANCE ON
IF AND HOW SHOULD RESPOND TO MADAGASCAR FOREIGN
MINISTRY'S COMMENTS. BARRETT

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